

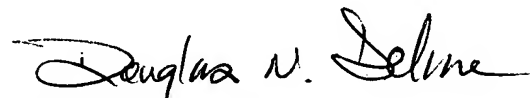
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants' claims are 1, 3, and 6-10. Claims 2, 4, 6 and 11-14 are hereby cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations on type of extractant and temperature of the extraction originally appearing in claims 2 and 5. No new matter is contained in the amendments.

As amended applicant's claims are believed to be patentable over all the references of record. In particular, none of the cited references are believed to teach the use of the specifically listed extractants to treat a solid procatalyst composition comprising a magnesium compound and an internal electron donor at the recited temperature range of about 115 °C to about 200 °C. The closest reference (Job) washed the procatalyst at 90 °C with isooctane (see, Illustrative Embodiment IV, no internal electron donor is present in the composition labeled Illustrative Embodiment II).

In view of the foregoing amendments to Applicants' claim 1, reconsideration of the rejections thereof are requested. All of the present claims are believed to be clearly patentable over the teachings of Job (US 5,066,737), Friedrich et al. (US 5,773,535), Masino (US 5,126,302), Ishimaru et al., (US 4,990,479) and Kioka et al., (US 5,028,671). Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for all of Applicants' remaining claims in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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